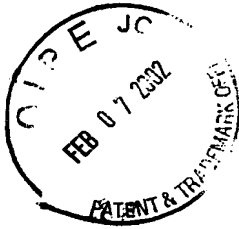


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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

✓ **IN THE DRAWINGS:**

✓ Please correct Figure 1 as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing

Correction.

✓ **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 5, line 24-page 6, line 3, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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The hub flange 17 mainly consists of a hub flange extension portion 34 extending
radially outward from the outer circumferential portion of the hub body portion 16 by a
predetermined length and a substantially annular hub flange vertical wall portion 35
suspending from the peripheral edge portion of the hub flange extension portion 34. A
clearance 16a is formed between the magnetic disk 7 and a top portion 34a of the hub flange
extension portion 34. A gap having a predetermined width is also formed between the